

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A shading decorative sheet comprising:
a transparent base layer having a back face and a front face opposing to the back face, which comprises a thermoplastic resin film,
a decorative layer provided on said front face of the base layer, which has a gradation pattern at least in one direction, and
an adhesive layer fixedly provided on said back face of the base layer,
wherein said gradation pattern comprises an opaque region, an opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions adjacent to the opaque region, a transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions adjacent to the opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, and a transparent region adjacent to the transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, wherein the opaque region has a haze of at least 30% when measured according to ASTM D 1003-00.

2. (Previously Presented) The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1, wherein the size of the discrete transparent regions in the opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, increases in the direction away from the opaque region.

3. (Previously Presented) The shading decorative sheet according to claim 1, wherein the size of the discrete opaque regions in the transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, decreases in the direction toward the transparent region.

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9. (Previously Presented) A shading decorative sheet comprising:

a transparent base layer having a back face and a front face opposing to the back face, which comprises a thermoplastic resin film,

a decorative layer provided on said front face of the base layer, which has a gradation pattern at least in one direction, and

an adhesive layer fixedly provided on said back face of the base layer, wherein said gradation pattern comprises an opaque region, an opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions, and a transparent region, wherein the opaque region has a haze of at least 30% when measured according to ASTM D 1003-00.

10. (Currently Amended) The shading decorative sheet according to claim 9, wherein in the opaque region having a plurality of discrete transparent regions the size of the ~~opaque~~ transparent regions ~~decreases in the direction toward the transparent~~ increases further from the opaque region.

11. (Previously Presented) A shading decorative sheet comprising:

a transparent base layer having a back face and a front face opposing to the back face, which comprises a thermoplastic resin film,

a decorative layer provided on said front face of the base layer, which has a gradation pattern at least in one direction, and

an adhesive layer fixedly provided on said back face of the base layer, wherein said gradation pattern comprises an opaque region, a transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions, and a transparent region, wherein the opaque region has a haze of at least 30% when measured according to ASTM D 1003-00.

12. (Previously Presented) The shading decorative sheet according to claim 11, wherein in the transparent region having a plurality of discrete opaque regions the size of the discrete opaque regions decreases in the direction toward the transparent region.